

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 102-133 are in the case.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

It is noted with appreciation that claims 103-131 are allowable.

II. THE ANTICIPATION REJECTION

Claims 102, 132 and 133 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Warner *et al.* (WO 99/05255) (Warner). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In response, and without conceding to the anticipation rejection, claim 102 has been amended by combining with allowable claim 103 and also attending to removing possible ambiguity which might otherwise arise in respect of indirect and direct binding. Claims 132 and 133 are each dependent on amended claim 102. No new matter is entered. Withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of claims 102, 132 and 133 over Warner is respectfully requested. Favorable action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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